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1. KNESSET OCTOBER 16 ADOPTED RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO US PEOPLE, ITS PRESIDENT AND ITS CONGRESS, COMMENDING AID AND SOLIDARITY OF WORLD JEWRY, AND CONDEMNING BRITAIN AND FRANCE FOR DENYING ISRAEL VITAL SUPPLIES IN WAR SITUATION. SESSION WAS DEDICATED TO MRS. MEIR'S ASSESSMENT OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY SPEECHES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL PARTIES REVEALING CONSENSUS, EXCEPT FOR 3 MEMBER RAKAH (PRO-MOSCOW CP COMPOSED LARGELY IF ISRAELI ARABS), THAT ARAB WAR AIM WAS DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL RATHER THAN MERELY RE-ACQUISITION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

2. MRS. MEIR'S SPEECH COUPLED WITH ARRIVAL OF US MILITARY AID HAS REINFORCED GOVERNMENT'S CREDIBILITY IN ALL SECTORS. PUBLIC SEEMS TO STAND BEHIND GOI DETERMINATION TO PROSECUTE
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WAR FURTHER,SEEMS RESIGNED TO FACT THAT WAR WILL CONTINUE

FOR SOME TIME AND HAS ACCEPTED REALITY THAT CURRENT SITUATION
RADICALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF 1967. ISRAELI PUBLIC DOES NOT
INTERPRET SADAT'S SPEECH AS BROACHING ANY PROSPECT OF CEASE-
FIRE OR PEACE.

3. ECONOMY CONTINUES TO FUNCTION AT REDUCED BUT SATISFACTORY
LEVELS MAIN PROBLEM IS INTERNAL TRANSPORT. AT PRESENT
THERE IS NO SERIOUS MANPOWER PROBLEM IN EITHER INDUSTRY OR
AGRICULTURE. THERE ARE MORE VOLUNTEERS THAN JOBS WITH HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WOMEN FILLING IN FOR MEN AT THE FRONT.

4. SECURITY SITUATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ACCORDING TO
ISRAELI SECURITY AUTHORITIES REMAINS QUIET, BUT UNDERCURRENTS
OF UNREST HAVE DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF US MILITARY RESUPPLY TO
ISRAEL (JERUSALEM 1147).

5. LOD AIRPORT HAS REMAINED BUSY. EL AL HAD EIGHT INCOMING
AND NINE OUTGOING FLIGHTS OCTOBER 16 AND PROJECTS ST INCOMING
AND THREE OUTGOING FLIGHTS TODAY. AIR FRANCE IS REPORTED TO
HAVE SUSPENDED OPERATIONS INTO LOD.
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